

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/31/2017

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Steve Cooper  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 12/29/2016

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201612-0648-009

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0497

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 01/31/2020

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	2,862	927	779
New	134	43	18
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-2,728	-884	-761
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini  
Deputy and Acting Administrator,  
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet	NA, NA	Restoration project information sheet, NRDA Project Information Sheet (original form)	

# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT RESTORATION PROJECT  
INFORMATION SHEET  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0497**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstance that make the collection of information necessary.**

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The purpose of the collection of this information is to assist state and federal Natural Resource Trustees in more efficiently carrying out the restoration planning phase of Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ([NEPA](#)), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d; [40 CFR 1500](#) and other federal and local statutes and regulations as applicable. Currently, when a release or substantial threat of release of oil or hazardous substances occurs and a NRDA is conducted, state and federal Natural Resource Trustees carry out three phases: pre-assessment, restoration planning, and restoration implementation. Traditionally, the restoration planning phase is time-consuming and expensive because Trustees must contact numerous government agencies, as well as private groups, non-governmental organization and non-profit organizations to develop a list of restoration project alternatives for each incident, a requirement before selecting suitable projects(s) to compensate the public and environment for lost services and resources. Restoration project information sheets facilitate the collection of information on a continual basis, thereby markedly shortening the time needed to generate a list of restoration alternatives following each incident. By reducing the time needed to conduct the restoration planning phase of a NRDA, the entire NRDA process becomes more efficient and habitat restoration projects will be implemented sooner.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collection will disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.**

The purpose of the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet is to collect information on existing, planned, or proposed habitat restoration projects in a localized region. The NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet will be provided in several formats to facilitate the information collection needs of the following programs: 1) the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning program, and 2) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Damage Assessment Remediation Restoration Program. The information sheet will be available in an online submission format, a fillable, trackable PDF format, and a hard copy format. Both electronic formats can facilitate NRDA restoration planning process, as they can feed directly into a database and provide for robust data management purposes.

The various formats for the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet will collect the same information, which includes:

- (a) Contact Information – Basic details necessary to identify and contact project managers such as name, title, address, organization, city state, zip code, phone and fax numbers, e-mail and URL for Web sites.
- (b) Project Information – Basic project information such as the project title, size, cost, and details on the physical location of the project site including Parish/County, watershed, and latitude/longitude.
- (c) Project Categories – Respondents have the opportunity to provide categorical identifications of project types, habitats, and resource benefits to easily describe projects.
- (d) Project Status – Basic information indicating the status of certain phases of the project, such as resource acquisition, planning/design, and permitting.
- (e) Description and Benefits – A detailed description of the project with background on the site as well as other potential benefits.
- (f) Project Partners – Details on support (e.g., planning, funding, technical assistance) provided by other organizations including partner name, contact information, and involvement.

The information collected from these forms will be used by NOAA staff and other federal and state agencies to populate a database on an ongoing basis. Following the release or substantial threat of release of oil or hazardous substances (hereafter referred to as incident), NOAA staff and other state and federal agencies may query the database to identify potential restoration projects suitable for compensating the public and environment for the loss of services and/or resources as a result of the incident.

Queries related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill for potential projects may also be made by non-profit organizations and members of the public. The information collected by the NRDA Project Information sheets related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill is available to the public on-line at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/>. The frequency of queries by agencies, organizations, and the general public will depend on the number of incidents or interest in habitat restoration.

NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See Question 10 for information about confidentiality. The information collection is designed to yield information that meets all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanic, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet will be provided to government agencies, private organization, non-governmental organizations, and the general public as a hard copy and is also available on the internet at <http://www.losco.state.la.us/>, <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/>, and <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/>. The form may be populated on a personal computer (if desired); however, while electronic submission of the information is allowed, it is not required. The NRDA Information Sheet is available as a web-based fillable form that can be submitted online or saved and used to produce subsequent project submissions.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

There are no other collections that gather similar information. No duplication of efforts exists with other Federal Government information collection efforts.

**5. If the collection of information involves small business or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

The information to be collected is very basic in its nature and should not be a hardship or burden for small entities to produce. A pre-formatted PDF of the data fields is provided to assist in the collection of information prior to being entered into the database. Separate requirements based on the size of the business or entity have not been developed.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

This information is critical to pursue cost-effective planning and implementation of restoration projects. Without this information, the Trustees would need to independently request project submission ideas which could take a significant amount of time and resources.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

Not Applicable.

**8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to the notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

A Federal Register Notice (FRN) published on October 31, 2016 (81 FR 75384) solicited public comment on this renewal request.

In addition, NOAA consulted with members of the Deepwater Horizon NRDA Trustee Council, which consists of four other federal agencies (in addition to NOAA), including the Department of Interior, Department of Defense, Department of Agriculture, and United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency and five states, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, requesting feedback on the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet. Specifically, feedback was sought on their views on the burden associated with the information collection, availability of data, data elements, and clarity of instructions.

Two respondents replied with “no comment” and did not have any critiques of the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet. Two respondents provided feedback about our program in general, but did not provide specific feedback about use of the form. A fifth respondent concurred with the burden estimates and stated overall support of the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet, noting that this collection method is much simpler to use than other outside methods employed by non-NOAA groups. This respondent requested the term “land acquisition” in the “project type” section of the form be defined. As the term is already defined in the instructions, NOAA directed the respondent to the existing definition.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors of grantees.**

No payments, gifts, or other remuneration will be provided.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

The information collection does not request any proprietary or confidential information. No confidentiality is provided.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior or attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

The three-year burden for this collection is estimated to be 90 hours (annualized to 30 hours) as detailed below. It is estimated that approximately 47 respondents will annually submit completed Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheets with each respondent submitting an average of 1 to 2 Information Sheets for individual projects. It is estimated that approximately 90 annual responses will be received. At an estimated response time of 20 minutes each, this yields an estimate of 30 burden hours. Respondents can update their project submission any time once it has been entered into the database. It is expected that approximately 49% of submissions will be updated annually (44). At an estimated response time of 10 minutes each, this yields an estimate of 7 burden hours. Estimated total responses, burden hours and costs for this collection will be 134 responses, 37 hours and \$787.73 in labor costs annually (based on an average hourly wage of \$21.29 [U.S. Dept. of Labor, 2010\*]), respectively.

It is expected that 90% of responses will be through the web-based data entry form. However, it should be noted that the restoration project information collected is intended to provide information to restoration practitioners throughout the areas of collection, including those submitting the data. Therefore, the burden of data collection is expected to be offset (and in some cases exceeded) by the benefits accrued to restoration practitioners from having access to project information.

\*U.S. Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2010. National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States, May 2-11. Bulletin 2753 <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ncswage2010.pdf>

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keeping resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).**

No capital or start-up costs are expected to result from this collection by the respondents. Operations and maintenance costs are expected to be limited to Internet and computer access. It is expected that existing computer equipment and Internet connections will be used by respondents at little to no additional cost. Furthermore, it is expected the majority of respondents will submit the NRDA Project Information sheet using the web-based data entry form. If the information is submitted via electronic mail, this collection will incur no cost burden on respondents beyond the costs of response time. It is expected that no more than 10% of respondents will either use facsimile transmission or mail to submit paper data entry forms. Based upon this percentage, it is estimated half of those aforementioned respondents will use mail, resulting in a \$2.35 burden (5 respondents x \$0.47 per stamp), and the remainder of those respondents will use facsimile transmission, resulting in a \$15 burden (5 respondents x \$1.00 per page, averaging 3 pages per fax). The overall annual burden to respondents is \$17.35 (\$18).

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

One full-time employee (FTE) will devote approximately 10% of his/her time annually for oversight, QA/QC, and data imports. One contractor will devote 10% of his/her time to implement changes and maintain the application. With an annual average salary of \$80,000 for an FTE at 10% time (\$8,000), and an annual salary for a contractor of \$75,000 at 10% time (\$7,500), the annualized cost to the Federal government to conduct this information collection is estimated to be \$15,500. No significant equipment, overhead, printing or other costs should be involved with the processing of this information collection.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.**

A significant reduction in the estimates of hours and burden is a result of variable use patterns that depend on the size and scale of cases for which submission are being solicited. The previous renewal period included a very large case that significantly elevated numbers of responses. Since that time response rates have returned to previous baseline estimates.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

All data collected will be available in table form which provides a basic project description or on the internet. Proposed projects which include latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates are displayed on a map and project list. Projects which did not include the aforementioned detail are only available to view from the project list. Tabulation project descriptions include title of project, state, county/parish, and link to view the data collected from the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Project Information Sheet.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

Not Applicable.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

There are no exceptions.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

## **Paperwork Reduction Act Information**

### **Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet**

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The identity of respondents will not remain confidential. The information collected will be reviewed for compliance with the NOAA Section 515 Guidelines established in response to the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, and certified before dissemination.

**NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT  
RESTORATION PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET**

Organization:		Project Name:	
Organization Web Page:		Project Location:	
Contact Name:		Parish (in LA) or County & Watershed:	
Contact Title:		Latitude/Longitude:	
Contact Address:			
Contact Phone:	Contact Fax:	Contact E-Mail:	

**Restoration Activity**

Resource/Habitat/Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Marine/Estuarine Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Reef <input type="checkbox"/> Biological (Fish, Birds, Wildlife) <input type="checkbox"/> Upland <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational <input type="checkbox"/> _____		
Restoration Result	<input type="checkbox"/> Creation <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement <input type="checkbox"/> Protection <input type="checkbox"/> _____	Project Size: _____	Affected Area: _____

**Project Status** (please provide as much information as is currently available)

Activity	Funded?	Completed?	Additional Notes
Planning/Design/Permitting:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Property or Resource Acquisition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Construction:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Maintenance and Future Activities:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Future Construction & Oversight:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Restoration Monitoring:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Conservation Servitude/Easement		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	
Other (_____):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> n/a	

**Restoration Description and Benefits**

**Project Partners**

Organization	Contact Information	Project Involvement

**NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**  
**RESTORATION PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET**

**Guidelines for Completion**

Please complete all of the information requested with the best information that you have available. Limited attachments are acceptable if they are necessary to adequately describe the project, however every effort should be made to have all pertinent information included on the Restoration Project Information Sheet. Below are specific guidelines for completion.

- Organization:** The name of the organization or agency submitting the information.
- Organization Web Page:** The web page of the above organization or agency.
- Contact Name:** The name of a person who can be contacted for additional information.
- Contact Title:** The title of the above individual.
- Contact Address:** The mailing address of the above individual.
- Phone/Fax/Email:** The Phone number, Fax and E-mail of the above individual.
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- Project Name:** The common name of the project, usually a combination of location and restoration activity, for example the Cross Bayou Mangrove Restoration.
- Project Location:** The location where the restoration activity will take place, for example East Timbalier Island.
- Parish & Watershed:** The Parish and Watershed where the project will be completed.
- Latitude/Longitude:** The project location in Degrees/Minutes/Seconds or Decimal Degrees
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- Resource/Habitat/Service:** The type of resource, habitat, and/or service that will be restored.
- Restoration Result:** The type of activity that will be completed as part of the restoration  
*Creation: Creation of a habitat, resource, or service in a area where it did not previously exist.*  
*Rehabilitation: The reestablishment or rehabilitation of an area that once provided, but does not currently, the resource, habitat, or service in which you are trying to restore.*  
*Enhancement: The enhancement of an existing resource, habitat, or service.*  
*Preservation/Protection: The removal of a threat to a resource, habitat, or service.*
- Project Size:** The size of the area where restoration activities will be completed.
- Affected Area (Size):** The size of the area that will be affected by the restoration activity.
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- Project Status:** Please check the appropriate boxes concerning whether certain aspects of the project have funding from an outside source allocated to them, and/or if certain activities have been completed. Additionally if a certain activity is not required for completion of the project check the box "n/a" for not applicable.
- Conservation Servitude:** Please check the appropriate box indicating whether or not the landowner would be willing to sign a conservation servitude. A conservation servitude or easement is a restriction landowners voluntarily place on specified uses of their property for a predesignated period of time to protect the natural resources on their property while maintaining private ownership. A conservation easement is recorded as a written legal agreement between the landowner and the "holder" of the easement, which may be either a non-profit conservation organization or government agency.
- Project Description And Benefits** A 1-2 paragraph description of the project and the restoration activities to be completed, along with information on the benefits of this project to public and environment. In addition feel free to attach other information, maps, or diagrams concerning your project.
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- Project Partners:** Please provide the name, contact, and involvement (equipment, matching funds, design, etc.) of other organizations or agencies involved with the restoration activity.

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# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet

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### Guidelines for Completion

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#### A. General Information

*Organization:* The name of the organization or agency submitting the information.  
If you are applying as an individual indicate by filling this section with "N/A".

*Contact Name:* The first and last name of a person who can be contacted for additional information.

*Title:* The title (or position) of the above individual.

*Address:* The mailing address of the above individual or organization.

*Phone number/Email:* The phone number and email of the above individual.

*Organization Website:* The web page of the above organization or agency.

#### B. Project Information

*Type of Project:* A project is considered a "Change to an Existing Project" if the project has been previously submitted through the NRDA project information sheet.

*Project ID Number:* If the project is considered a change to an existing project, the Project ID is the unique number given upon submission through the NRDA project information sheet. Otherwise, leave this blank.

*Project name:* The common name of the project, usually a combination of location and restoration activity (e.g., Cross Bayou Mangrove Restoration).

*Location:* The location where the restoration activity will take place (e.g., East Timbalier Island).

*State:* Two-letter abbreviation of the state (s) where the project will take place.  
If the project occurs across several states list all states separated by commas.

*County/Parish:* County or Parish where the project will be completed. If the project occurs across multiple counties or parishes list only the primary county or parish name.

*Watershed/Basin:* The watershed where the project will be completed. If the project occurs across multiple watersheds list only the primary watershed.

*Latitude/Longitude:* Provide a latitude/longitude of the central location of the project activity. If the activity occurs over a large area you may also attach a map of the area of the activity.

*Project Size:* The size of the area where project activities will occur; designated by linear miles, acres, or tonnage (e.g., area of plantings in a riparian buffer).

*Affected Area:* The area affected or influenced by the project activity; designated by acres (e.g., area of water quality improvement as a result of riparian buffer plantings).

#### C. Project Description

A description of the project objectives, activities to be completed and expected outcomes; including information on the benefits of this project to the public and environment. If applicable, use this section to provide additional refinement to habitat and/or resource benefit (e.g., cypress wetland, barrier island). In addition, feel free to attach other information, maps, or diagrams concerning your project.  
Maximum 2,500 characters.

#### D. Project Activity(s)

The type of activity the project will complete to address the impacts to priority resources or habitats. Check all that apply.

*Restoration:* Activities conducted to create, enhance, or restore an injured resource or habitat.

*Protection:* Activities conducted to protect a resource or habitat by removing the threat to that resource or habitat (e.g., shoreline stabilization, buoys or markers, nest protection).

*Debris Removal:* Removal of debris to restore and protect a resource or habitat.

*Land Acquisition:* The acquisition and conservation of land in perpetuity to protect priority resources or habitats.

*Maintenance/Management:* Activities conducted to maintain or manage the quality of a resource or habitat (e.g., prescribed burns).

*Education:* Education of a targeted audience to restore or protect priority resources or habitats.

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet

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### Guidelines for Completion *(continued)*

#### **E. Project Habitat(s)**

The type of habitat that the project activities are located within or will benefit. Check all that apply.

<i>Upland:</i>	Regions located away from coastlines and the floodplains of rivers, streams, and other bodies of water.
<i>Riverine:</i>	Regions located within or adjacent to open freshwater areas that occur within a defined channel.
<i>Marine/Estuarine Wetlands:</i>	Regions that are inundated or saturated by saltwater on a consistent basis.
<i>Freshwater Wetlands:</i>	Regions that are inundated or saturated by freshwater (e.g., surface or groundwater) on a consistent basis to support saturation tolerant plant species.
<i>Beach/Dune:</i>	Regions along a sandy shoreline that include the area from the mean low tide through the dune system.
<i>Subtidal (nearshore/offshore):</i>	Coastal regions that are permanently inundated with salt water (e.g., ocean).

#### **F. Resource Benefit(s)**

Primary resources that would benefit from the project. Check all that apply.

<i>Marine Mammals:</i>	Whales (dolphin), Manatees, Otters, etc.
<i>Birds:</i>	All birds
<i>Reptiles/amphibians:</i>	Sea turtles, alligators, snakes, lizards, frogs, etc.
<i>Fish:</i>	Nearshore and offshore fish
<i>Shellfish:</i>	Oysters, shrimp, crabs, etc.
<i>Terrestrial Wildlife:</i>	All upland animals
<i>Corals:</i>	Shallow and deep water corals
<i>Vegetation:</i>	All plants (e.g., submergent, emergent, and terrestrial)
<i>Water column:</i>	Water quality and plankton
<i>Sediment / Benthos:</i>	Sediment permanently inundated with water, and organisms associated with the sediment (e.g., worms)
<i>Shoreline:</i>	Land area adjacent to water (e.g., beaches, marsh)
<i>Human Use:</i>	Improved recreation, infrastructure, community resilience, etc.
<i>Status Species:</i>	Will this project directly benefit State or Federally listed threatened and/or endangered species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A.

#### **G. Project Status**

Property/Resource Acquisition:	Acquisition of the property, resource, or landowner agreements (e.g., easements) in which the project activity will occur. Indicate the status by selecting NOT STARTED, IN PROGRESS, COMPLETED, or N/A.
Planning/Design:	Project planning and engineered design of the project activity. Indicate the status by selecting NOT STARTED, IN PROGRESS, COMPLETED, or N/A.
Permitting:	Acquisition of all local, state, and federal permits needed to implement the project activity (e.g., NEPA). Indicate the status by selecting NOT STARTED, IN PROGRESS, COMPLETED, or N/A.
Time to Implementation:	Number of months required to prepare for the start of project activity.
Time to Completion:	Following the start of the project, number of months required to complete the project activity.
Regional Planning:	Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan/initiative? (YES or NO) If yes, please list the plan/initiative in the space provided.

#### **H. Project Cost**

<i>Estimated Cost:</i>	The total cost of the project including any funds contributed by the applicant or other organizations (e.g., match funds).
<i>Funding available:</i>	Monies (from the applicant or partnering organizations/agencies) already committed for partial funding of the project activity. Indicate amount in the adjacent box.

#### **H. Project Partners**

Please provide the name, contact, and involvement (equipment, matching funds, design, etc.) of other organizations or agencies with the project activities.

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet

### A General Information

Organization			
Contact Name (First Last)		Title	
Address		City	State ZIP
Phone Number	ext.	Email	
Organization Website			

### B Project Information

Type of Project	If this is a Change to an Existing Project, enter the Project ID Number		
Project Name			
Location (e.g. John Smith National Wildlife Refuge)			
State(s) (Use 2-letter abbreviations separated by commas)	County/Parish	Watershed/Basin	
Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)	Project Size (Choose one) miles          acres          tons	Affected Area acres

### C Project Description

Please provide more information about the proposed project. (Limit 2,500 characters.)

# Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

## Restoration Project Information Sheet *(continued)*

### **D** Project Activity(s)

*(Check all that apply)*

Restoration

Debris Removal

Maintenance/Management

Protection

Land Acquisition

Education

### **E** Project Habitat(s)

*(Check all that apply)*

Upland

Marine/Estuarine Wetlands

Beach/Dune

Riverine

Freshwater Wetlands

Subtidal (Nearshore/Offshore)

### **F** Resource Benefit(s)

*(Check all that apply)*

Marine Mammals

Shellfish

Water Column

Birds

Terrestrial Wildlife

Sediment/Benthos

Reptiles/Amphibians

Corals

Shoreline

Fish

Vegetation

Human Use (Recreational, Cultural)

*Will the project directly benefit State- or Federally-listed species? If so, please list them. If not, please indicate N/A.*

### **G** Project Status

*Property/Resource Acquisition*

*Time to Implementation*

*Project Planning/Design*

*Time to Project Completion*

*Project Permitting.*

*Is this project included under a regional or statewide plan?*

*If so, please list:*

### **H** Project Costs

*Estimated Cost*

*Funding Available*

### **I** Project Partners

*Partner 1 Organization*

*Partner 1 Contact*

*Partner 1 Involvement*

*Partner 2 Organization*

*Partner 2 Contact*

*Partner 2 Involvement*

*Partner 3 Organization*

*Partner 3 Contact*

*Partner 3 Involvement*

### **Disclaimer:**

The submission of project information **does not** guarantee project funding. Projects will be evaluated using criteria identified in OPA, NEPA, implementing regulations, and related laws. Selection and funding determinations will be made by the Trustee Council.

submission of a final imaging system specifications document; 2 hours for the submission of a public summary for a licensed system; 2 hours for the submission of a preliminary design review; 2 hours for the submission of a critical design review; 1 hour for notification of a binding launch services contract; 1 hour for notification of completion of pre-ship review; 10 hours for the submission of a license amendment; 2 hours for the submission of a foreign agreement notification; 2 hours for the submission of spacecraft operational information submitted when a spacecraft becomes operational; 2 hours for notification of deviation in orbit or spacecraft disposition; 2 hours for notification of any operational deviation; 2 hours for notification of planned purges of information to the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive; 3 hours for the submission of an operational quarterly report; 8 hours for an annual compliance audit; 10 hours for an annual operational audit; and 2 hours for notification of the demise of a system or a decision to discontinue system operations.

*Burden Hours:* 552.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a current information collection.

NOAA has established requirements for the licensing of private operators of remote-sensing space systems. The information in applications and subsequent reports is needed to ensure compliance with the Land Remote-Sensing Policy Act of 1992 and with the national security and international obligations of the United States. The requirements are contained in 15 CFR part 960.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Quarterly, annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 26, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 30, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Megan Brockway, (301) 427-8692 or [Megan.Brockway@noaa.gov](mailto:Megan.Brockway@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The purpose of this information collection is to assist state and federal Natural Resource Trustees in more efficiently carrying out the restoration planning phase of Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d; 40 CFR 1500-1500 and other federal and local statutes and regulations as applicable. The NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet is designed to facilitate the collection of information on existing, planned, or proposed restoration projects. This information will be used by the Natural Resource Trustees to develop potential restoration alternatives for natural resource injuries and service losses requiring restoration, during the restoration planning phase of the NRDA process.

## II. Method of Collection

The Restoration Project Information Sheet can be submitted on paper through the mail or faxed, or can be submitted electronically via the internet or email.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0497.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal governments; individuals or households; business or other for-profits organizations; not-for-profit institutions; farms; and the federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 100.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 26, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License to RF Networking Solutions, LLC; East Brunswick, NJ

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.